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studies, a more comprehensive scheme has been drawn up for implementation during the second plan period. The work provided for in the next year's budget by way of anti-sea erosion measures is the construction of sea walls between Pattanom and Thuthur, and at Kollencode and Pachalloor in the Trivandrum District, between Thirumullavarom and Neendakara and at Ponmana, etc., in the Quilon District and at Cranganur, Elankunnappuzha, Nayarambalom, etc., in the Trichur District.

FLOOD CONTROL.

13. On account of the flood discharge of rivers, the low lying areas in the State are submerged in the rainy season. To start with, a scheme of flood control in respect of Karamana and Killiyar rivers and at Thottappally area has been drawn up and necessary provision is made for undertaking it during 1956-57.

POWER PROGRAMME.

14. The development programmes of the Department of Electricity have shown marked progress during the year 1955-56. The erection of the 4th Generating set at Poringalkuthu, the commencement of the preliminary work connected with the Panniyar and Sholayar hydro-electric schemes and the execution of the Neriambangalam Scheme are the important new activities undertaken this year. The various schemes taken up during the First Five Year Plan except these four new ones are expected to be completed by the end of this year. The Commissioning of the Shengulam Generating set enabled us to tide over the shortage of current which was being experienced during the summer months in successive years. Utmost priority is being given to works relating to Rural Electrification, with a view to extend the benefits of electricity to both urban and rural people alike and to pave the way for setting up of cottage and small scale industries. Against the target of 800 new centres proposed under the First Five Year Plan, 675 centres have been electrified and work in 150 centres is in progress. These are expected to be completed before the end of this financial year, thus exceeding the target by 25 new centres. Government have also sanctioned the electrification of 220 additional new centres and works on these are being taken up. The target of the number of consumers has also been exceeded. By the end of this financial year, electricity will be available

within easy reach of about 45 per cent of the population of the State. Against the target of 50,000 consumers proposed under the First Five Year Plan, 46,000 consumers have already been connected up and before the close of the financial year the target under this also will be exceeded.

Besides the incomplete schemes to be carried over to the next year, the investigation of the preliminary works connected with the Pamba Hydro-Electric Project and investigation of other power projects are also programmed for next year. Rural electrification programme envisages the opening of 226 new centres, connecting up more than 15,000 consumers and installing 7,000 street lights in the next financial year. A provision of Rs. 345.00 lakhs has been made for works expenditure under "81-A-Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes" for the next year against a financial target of Rs. 2,300 lakhs for the quinquennium of the Second Plan period.

During the first plan, the installed capacity is being increased from 28,500 K. W. to 109,500 K. W. An additional installed capacity of 137,000 K. W. is fixed as the physical target for the Second Five Year Plan period. It is expected that when these schemes are implemented fully the *per capita* consumption which was 14 units in 1952 would rise to 100 units in 1960-61.

EDUCATION.

15. Of all departments, Education continues to place the heaviest draft on the State Exchequer. The expenditure on Education for the ensuing year is estimated at Rs. 711.40 lakhs which exceeds that of the current year by Rs. 162.76 lakhs. One of the main reasons for this vast increase in expenditure is the revision of the pay of teachers, both in the Government and private institutions.

The Department proposes to undertake a wide and varied programme of new activities in the ensuing year. The most prominent among them are: introduction of M. A. courses in English and Malayalam in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam; introduction of Science degree courses in the Government College, Chittur; starting of a Malayalam Akademi; organisation of Youth Camps and Labour Service; the starting of a Public School in the hills; provision of a hostel and play ground for the Physical Education College, Trivandrum; the starting of a State Central Library; the establishment of a Central